

GERMAN PAPERS DENOUNCE POLICY OF BREAKING UP OF RUSSIA

ful of the United States to grant them clearance papers and coal. The Allied decision finds a legal basis in the Lex anglia, or the law covering the forcible seizure of a ship for public use, under which a belligerent nation may use neutral tonnage if adequate compensation is paid. The Germans exercised this right on British vessels in the Franco-Prussian war.

The official explanation here of the Allied decision is that Holland obviously is in a state of duress, terrorized by the German submarine menace. The necessity of feeding the neutral nations of the world, officials add, calls for the use of every available ton of shipping.

The United States and Great Britain, officials say, go no further than Holland proposed to go until German threats prevented putting into effect the voluntary agreement already negotiated. Holland's interests will be safeguarded in every way.

Holland has been notified that a large supply of food has been placed at its disposal and that it can freely send ships to take it back under the most ample guarantees that the ships will be bunkered and allowed to return without requisition.

The War Trade Board has authorized the transfer of two cargoes of food, now aboard Dutch steamers prevented from sailing by the refusal of the Germans to permit replacing ships to leave Holland, to the Holland-America liner Nieuw Amsterdam, which will sail shortly with a cargo of food for Holland. Without this concession by the United States, these two cargoes would have been prevented by Germany from reaching Holland.

SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF DUTCH-CONTROLLED SHIPPING AFFECTED.

The American-British decision to take over all Dutch ships in Allied ports for the duration of the war will affect 75 per cent of the shipping controlled by Dutch interests, according to Adrian Gips, managing director of the Holland-America Line.

Twelve Dutch ships which had been unable to secure clearance papers because of the embargo on neutral shipping imposed by the American Government are now on voyages to South American and other ports in the coastwise trade under special agreement which calls for their return with cargoes of sugar and nitrate for American use, Mr. Gips said.

28,200 TONS ARE ADDED TO U. S. MERCHANT MARINE

First Triple Launching on the Pacific Coast Takes Place at Oakland Harbor.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 14.—The first triple launching on the Pacific coast took place today when three 8,400-ton steel merchantmen slid into the waters of Oakland Harbor. In less than an hour there was thus added 25,200 tons to the nation's merchant marine.

The vessels were the steamships Shinkaka, Anwa and Oakland, each 128 feet long, 53 feet beam and 26½ feet in depth of hold. The Shinkaka and Anwa were built under contract with the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the United States Shipping Board, and the Oakland was commandeered from the Cunard Steamship Company.

They are the product of 4,000 men working day and night in eight-hour shifts.

A PACIFIC PORT, March 14.—Launching ceremonies of the steamship fleet, the first reinforced concrete ocean going vessel built in the United States, attracted thousands of guests and spectators here today. The vessel is 320 feet long, 46½ feet wide and 30 feet deep and will carry 5,000 tons of cargo.

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FINLAND INVADIED AS ODESSA FALLS; AMERICANS SEIZED

Germany Announces Taking of Great Russian Black Sea Port.

STOCKHOLM, March 14.—A number of Americans and British citizens, sailing from Finland on a neutral vessel, were captured by Germans, according to despatches received here today. Those of military age will be taken to Germany, it was said, where they will be interned.

PETROGRAD, Wednesday, March 13.—A strong German detachment is reported to have captured Abo, on the coast of Finland west of Helsinki. The Germans immediately began to march into the interior of Finland.

Berlin Says Odessa Was Seized in Agreement With Roumania. BERLIN, March 14 (via London).—The German troops that occupied Odessa were sent in agreement with the Roumanian Government, today's Army Headquarters statement announces.

CONGRESS OF SOVIETS MEETS TO DISCUSS GERMAN MADE PEACE

Report From Petrograd Says There Are 3,000 Delegates and Treaty Will Be Confirmed.

By Joseph Shaplen.

PETROGRAD, March 14 (United Press).—The Congress of the German-dictated peace—with immediate preparations for a revolutionary war included—is a foregone conclusion when the pan-Soviet conference convenes at Moscow tomorrow, in view of the compromise effected by the various factions.

The congress also will decide on a permanent change of the capital from Petrograd.

About 3,000 delegates, including workmen, peasants, soldiers and Cossacks, will attend.

AMBASSADOR FRANCIS REPORTS TROTSKY IS ORGANIZING ARMY

Deposed Bolshevik Foreign Minister Now Anxious to Fight Against Germans.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Leon Trotsky, former Bolshevik Prime Minister, is talking of organizing an army "under iron discipline" to fight the Germans, evidently believing renewal of war on the Germans is unavoidable.

This was the report Ambassador Francis at Volodga sent the State Department overnight. He said Trotsky was reported to be very curious about the Siberian situation and very sensitive over the report that any of the Allies contemplated entering Siberia.

The authorities regard the message as significant in view of Trotsky's split with Lenin, who is trying to

View of Odessa, Just Captured by the Germans; Russia's Greatest Port on the Black Sea



28 RED CROSS WORKERS, 10 FROM N. Y. AND VICINITY, MAY BE IN FALLEN ODESSA

All Had Been in Roumania and Were Reported to Have Left Jassy.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Capture of Odessa by the Germans brings apprehensions for the safety of the American Red Cross Mission which Minister Vopicka yesterday reported having left Jassy for Odessa.

It is not a certainty that the Americans will fall into German hands, as last advice on March 12 from Col. Henry W. Anderson of Richmond, head of the mission, indicated that a safe conductor had been obtained for the passage of the party through Austria-Hungary to Switzerland. Since then no word has been received from the mission.

Red Cross headquarters does not possess an accurate list of those in the party, as the personnel constantly has been shifting. The following twenty-eight members, unless recently detached, are believed to be either now in Odessa or en route to Switzerland:

Henry W. Anderson, Richmond, Va.; Harper D. Topping, Plainfield, N. J.; James A. Mills, New York; Wilfred H. Day, Richmond, Va.; Dr. William D. Kirkpatrick, Hollingham, Wash.; Dr. Richard Penn Smith, Fort Lawrence, Pa.; Dr. Ray H. Hulston, Monroe, N. Y.; Dr. George Massenaugh, Madison, Ga.; Daniel J. McCarthy, Davenport, Ia.; Dr. Benjamin E. Lemaster, Bushnell, Ill.; Dr. B. C. Hamilton, Goshen, N. Y.; Dr. Morris Davidson, New York; Dr. G. H. Scribman, New York; Dr. William J. Kauer, Hutchinson, Minn.; Dr. E. F. Hurd, Bound Brook, N. J.; Dr. George Duro Gue, Chicago; Dr. Joseph H. Gruener, Chicago; Nurses—Florence M. Patterson, Burlington, Wis.; Rachel C. Frances, Yorkers, N. Y.; Adeline H. Rowland, Pittsburgh; Catherine M. Olmsted, Washington, N. Y.; Laura K. Myers, Trenton, N. J.; Mary McIntyre, Truax, Conn.; Beatrice M. Gooding, Montclair, N. J.; Alice Gilbourne, Chicago; Anna E. Forster, Chicago; Mary Brownell, New York; Jennie H. Donald, New York, Wash.

GERMANS MAY CONSCRIPT THE LABOR OF RUSSIA

This Is Expected To Be Next Move After Getting Wheat From the Ukraine.

The Germans, having seized Odessa and the wheat country of lower Ukraine, will now advance in the direction of Sebastopol, say military experts. That report is the basis of the Russian Black Sea fleet, and its capture would make Russian domination of the Black Sea absolute.

Germany's initial efforts probably will be devoted to organizing lines of supplies from the Ukraine wheat belt. An all-water route from Odessa to Belgrade on the Danube is open. Once having insured a flow of foodstuffs from occupied territory, they probably will turn their attention to the concentration of labor in Russia to Belgrade on the Danube is open.

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TWO BRITISH SEAPLANES FIGHT FIVE ENEMY CRAFT

Destroy One German Machine and Down Another in Battle Over the North Sea.

LONDON, March 14.—Two British seaplanes on Tuesday engaged five enemy aircraft over the North Sea, destroying one seaplane and downing another, it is announced officially.

Both the British planes returned.

The announcement reads:

"On Tuesday two British seaplanes attacked five enemy aircraft in the southern part of the North Sea. The engagement lasted thirty minutes. One enemy two-seater was shot down and destroyed, the observer of a second machine was killed and a third seaplane was driven down on the water. The engagement terminated when the British seaplanes had expended all their ammunition. Both the machines returned safely."

DIRIGIBLE KILLED 16 IN RAID ON NAPLES

Material Damage Limited to Hospitals, Private Homes, Churches and Asylums There.

NAPLES (Tuesday) March 12.—The air raid made on Naples early on Monday was carried out by a dirigible balloon which was flying at such an altitude that it was impossible to aim bombs at military objectives, but it dropped explosives at random over the city.

The dirigible remained only a few minutes over Naples and the victims were all civilians. The material damage was limited to private houses, asylums and churches. Sixteen people were killed and forty wounded.

Among the places where bombs were dropped were along Via Roma and Corso Vittorio Emanuele and at the asylum of the Little Sisters of the Poor, where seven were killed and fourteen injured.

French Flyers Being Down Four German Planes.

PARIS, March 14.—French aviators have accounted for four enemy machines, according to a statement from the War Office, which also reports a successful Belgian forward movement near Loubaertzyde. The text reads:

"During Wednesday a German machine was destroyed and three others were damaged severely, falling within their own lines."

"Shortly after daybreak Wednesday, after a violent bombardment, Belgian troops entered the enemy trenches southeast of Loubaertzyde. After killing the occupants of the trenches in the first line and moving forward, we checked a violent counter-attack in hand-to-hand fighting. The enemy then retired to the second line. The artillery was active along the whole front Tuesday, most violently in the Nieuport and Duxmude sectors."

FORMER RUSSIAN EMPRESS FORCED TO BEG FOR AID

Declares She Is Destitute in Appeal to the Bolshevik Authorities.

LONDON, March 14.—The former Russian Empress, Maria Feodorovna, has applied to the Council of Communists for assistance. A Russian despatch from Petrograd reports:

"She declares she is destitute in consequence of the confiscation of the funds of the imperial family."

U BOAT CREW'S PIG CHASE NEARLY TRAPPED RAIDER

Commander So Amused at Porker on Victim's Deck He Overlooked British Destroyer.

LONDON, Feb. 24 (by mail).—A U boat, a pig, a British destroyer and three hundred of Norwegian seamen were the principal figures in the tale of an enemy submarine which took a "porker" in the Atlantic recently. The story is told in the following letter from Norway:

"Our ship, the Sira, was attacked by a U boat in the Atlantic. She was abandoned by the crew, which took to the boats. The commander of the submarine heard a noise on board the abandoned ship. 'A pig!' he called out, and sent some of his men over to investigate.

"They dragged the pig from a net on the deck. The pig slipped through the fingers and then there began a pig hunt up and down the deck, the men clutching at the flying pig and falling headlong until the German Captain, watching through his binoculars, was doubled up with laughter.

"He was so much amused that a British destroyer was well in view on the horizon before he suddenly awakened to the fact that a war was in progress. Then followed a great scramble to get the men back to the submarine. The destroyer might have fired some effective shots but the German submerged except that the German Captain forced the Norwegians in their lifeboats to keep back his ship and the approaching enemy. The submarine got away."

CITY LIKE DUSK AT 2 P. M.

Heavy Clouds and Humidity Being Rain and Darkness.

New York had a damp, sooty time of it today. It rained in the afternoon, following a visitation of dark, murky atmosphere that made it look almost like dusk at 2 o'clock. The heavy clouds and humidity caused fear for while that an electrical storm might be on the way, but the Weather Bureau said there was no sign of any unusual disturbance. It was just part of the unsettled spring conditions that prevail all over the East.

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TURKS CAPTURE ERZERUM; ALSO HALT THE BRITISH

Armenians Offer Stiff Resistance but Are Overwhelmed, Says Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE (via London), March 14.—Erzerum was captured Sunday by Turkish forces after Armenian resistance before the city was overwhelmed, the Turkish War Office announced today.

[Erzerum, the principal city of Armenia, is located about 100 miles southeast of Trebizond, the Black Sea port which was seized by the Turks from the Russians a few days ago.]

The capture of these two cities, together with the occupation of Odessa by German forces, completes domination of the Black Sea by the Central Powers.

LONDON, March 14.—Armenians are offering resistance to Turkish troops, according to an official Turkish announcement received today.

In Palestine attempts of the British to advance on March 9 and 10 are said to have been repulsed. An effort to break through the line of the Jerusalem-Nablus Road failed.

From authoritative English sources recently it has been reported that the Turkish Government has sought to justify such massacres by reporting uprisings among the peoples thus victimized.

BRITISH RAID TRENCHES ON THE CAMBRAI FRONT

Repulse a German Attack North of the Ypres-Staden Railway.

LONDON, March 14.—British raiders brought back prisoners from a German position on the Cambrai front last night. "Our raiding parties entered the enemy's trenches southeast of Epheby," says the official report. "A raid attempted by the enemy north of the Ypres-Staden Railway was repulsed."

"The artillery was active on both sides during the night southwest of Cambrai. The hostile artillery increased its activity in the Neuve Chapelle and Taubez sectors."

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Cables to Board of Missions Say Germans Urge Slaughter of Armenians—Fear for 17 Americans.

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Content That It Is Playing Into the Hands of America and Japan.

AMSTERDAM, March 14.—Some sections of the German press are becoming uneasy over developments in the Far East.

The Frankfurter Zeitung considers that the breaking up of Russia into a number of independent states is a bad policy for Germany and urges the greatest tact and prudence be used in dealing with the border states so that they will not "in the future ally for reunion with Russia and become so many thorns in Germany's side."

"Clearly," the newspaper adds, "the Entente policy is to use the Japanese alliance to shove Germany out of Asiatic markets forever. Germany played their game by breaking up Russia, Germany now has no more hope than ever of being able to conduct a Far Eastern policy except in conjunction with Great Britain and Russia. That is why a weak Russia will not contribute to Germany's ultimate welfare."

Capt. von Salzkman, the military critic of the Voessische Zeitung, writes: "Germany too late began to realize that the time might come when the United States and Japan would see that war is not always the most profitable way of settling differences. Germany's Russian policy has played the game brilliantly for Great Britain and the United States. In the same way Germany has played Russian's best of gratitude to Great Britain."

"It should have been Germany's game to earn Holland's gratitude by guaranteeing her the safe possession of her East Indian colonies, but instead of this she cemented the Anglo-Japanese alliance and delivered the Dutch colonies from Japanese pressure southward by opening the door to Japanese enterprise in Russia."

"Only the most limited intelligence can believe that the break-up of Russia will be to Germany's advantage. The true reason of Germany's Russian policy already are patent in the lessening of the differences between Japan and the United States and the cementing of the Anglo-Japanese alliance and the consequent security of the Anglo-Indian and Australian colonial possessions, as well as the Dutch and French colonies in southeast Asia."

"The consequences are that Germany must face herself without friends in the world, while Great Britain gains in the background."

BAKER TO FIX WAR LISTS.

Will See Pershing on Matter of Issuing Casualty Reports.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—At the request of President Wilson, Secretary Baker will take up with Gen. Pershing personally the subject of the manner in which American casualty lists shall be issued. The President, after studying a report by General Creel, Chairman of the Committee on Public Information, against putting out casualty lists without giving the addresses of dead and wounded men, asked the War Department today to have Secretary Baker go into the subject with the American commander.

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GRAND DUKE MICHAEL IS EXILED AS PLOTTER

Monarchist Sent to Perm, Near Siberian Border—Vandals Raid Government Offices.

PETROGRAD, March 14.—The Grand Duke Michael, arrested in connection with an alleged German-inspired plot to restore the monarchy and place him on the throne, has been exiled and sent to Perm, it was announced today.

(Perm is the capital of the province of that name. It is about 700 miles east of Moscow, near the Siberian border.)

Vandals are raiding government offices, stealing valuable furniture and paintings and carrying them home, or selling them on the street corners for a few rubles. Sailors are carrying off wagonloads of art treasures, loading them on ships and taking them to Kronstadt.

The government is so occupied with peace and the Siberian situation that it is unable to impose restraint on this looting.

Vladivostok Commandant Reported a Suicide.

LONDON, March 14.—Gen. Dum. Vladivostok, has committed suicide, says a Russian despatch from Petrograd received here today.

MUCH of the benefit from a sea-trip comes from getting lots of fresh air in all sorts of weather—in mist, in sunshine and in rain or wind. Even on the rainiest days you will see more and more people getting all these advantages, with none of the drawbacks, from the top of a

Fifth Avenue Bus

DIED.

BROOKLYN.—On March 12, HELEN DUNN, at 2413 East 16th Street, Sheepshead Bay.

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HEATHLEY.—On March 12, MARY HEATHLEY, beloved wife of the late William D. Heathley and mother of Thomas A. Heathley and daughter of the late Samuel Radcliffe and Mary Wood, native of Strummar, Galesburg, County Monaghan, Ireland.

Funeral from residence of her niece, Mrs. William Hughes, 587 East 16th St